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SUBJECT: FORMAT OF NEW GDR VISA FOR DAY VISIT TO EAST BERLIN

REF: BERLIN 5015

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY OF NEW GDR VISA WHICH AMERICAN
TOURIST OBTAINED TO VISIT EAST BERLIN ON JANUARY 6. IT CONSISTS OF
A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER "ANLAGE" WITH FOLLOWING LANGUAGE.
(INFORMAL TRANSLATION). IT IS HEADED " GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC-
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS"
AND IS FOLLOWED BY "ENCLOSURE TO PASSPORT - NO. (LINE DRAWN(BLANK)
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,"WITH NUMBER FILLED IN BY GDR BORDER AGENT ISSUING DOCUMENT. THEN
FOLLOWS

THIS TEXT:

" VISA - FOR SINGLE ENTRY FOR A DAY VISIT IN THE
CAPITAL OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC , BERLIN, AND EXIT
BEFORE 2400 HOURS OF ISSUANCE DAY THROUGH BORDER CROS-
ING POINT FRIEDRICH/ZIMMERSTRASSE". THE DOCUMENT IS

SIGNED BY AN ISSUING OFFICER, SEALED WITH A GDR MFA SEAL, AND STAMPED WITH ENTRY CACHET OF CROSSING POINT.

2. DOCUMENT IS ACCOMPANIED BY SHEET OF PAPER BEARING MAY OF " CAPITAL OF THE GDR BERLIN" SHOWING VARIOUS S-BAHN ROUTES AND BEARING TEXT, " THE CITY AREA OF THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR MAY NOT BE LEFT WITH THE VISA. THE S-BAHN CAN ONLY BE USED TO THE INDICATED STATIONS." THE LAST (EASTERN AND SOUTHERN) STATIONS ON THE LINES INDICATED ON THE MAP ARE, FROM NORTH TO SOUTH, BERLIN-BUCH, AHRENSFELDE, BERLIN-MAHLSDORF, WILHEMS-HAGEN, AND GRUENBERGALLEE.

3. COMMENT: THE USE OF THE ANLAGE CAN BE VIEWED IN SEVERAL WAYS. FIRST , IT COULD BE CONSIDERED SLIGHTLY LESS OFFENSIVE BECAUSE THE PASSPORTS OF THE TRAVELERS TO EAST BERLIN ARE NOT STAMPED. THE GDR MAY, THUS, BE SEEKING TO MAKE ITS POLITICAL POINT WHILE NOT ACUTALLY ENGAGING OF MASS STAMPING OF PASSPORTS AT THE SECTOR DIVIDING LINE. SECONDLY, IT COULD BE A LABOR SAVING DEVICE, SPARING BOTH BORDER AGENT PROCESSING TIME AND THE USING UP OF PASSPORTS OF GASTARBEITERS IN WEST BERLIN.
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